

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell County City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eric Selby, Council Members David Blakey, Timothy Hudson, Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Larry Skaggs, City Attorney Matthew DeHart, Police Chief Joe Michael Irvin, ABC Officer Jeramy Coffey, ABC Investigator Brian Stephens, Public Works Director Terry Russell, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey. Absent: Councilman Eddie Thomas

Opening prayer was led by Mr. Terry Russell.

**WELCOME:** Mayor Selby called the meeting to order and welcomed all those present.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Selby presented the minutes from the January 11, 2018 meeting. **Councilman Larry Skaggs made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Hudson seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

**PAY BILLS:** Mayor Selby submitted a list of regular bills to be approved. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to pay the bills with Councilman Barnes seconding. The vote was unanimous.**

**POLICE ROSTER:** Councilwoman Daniel asked if there needed to be a motion to abolish the two created police positions since Mr. Jamie Rogers has officially retired and Mr. Troy Young will be retiring next month. Ms. Daniel said it is important that we take care of these internal housekeeping as they come up. Mr. Ramsey stated those temporary positions were created as one motion, so they would need to be abolished as such. Police Chief Irvin mentioned that Mr. Young has had a small hiccup with his retirement date and it looks to be the first of March instead of the end of February. Ms. Daniel recommended the police roster be brought back up at the next meeting. Mayor Selby agreed and will have an update at the next council meeting.

**HIGHWAY 127 FENCE UPDATE:** Mr. Skaggs asked Mr. Coffey if he had an update to give to the council on the progress of the Hwy 127 fence project. Mr. Coffey said he has 92 out of the needed 96 easements to move forward. Mr. Skaggs asked if they surveys have been completed. Mr. Coffey said no has not requested for the survey to start until he has council approval to move forward.

**ANDY LANGE, KENTUCKY RURAL WATER – WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE:** Mayor Selby explained the rate increases are a result of the City of Jamestown giving the City of Russell Springs a rate increase. Mayor Selby said in essence, this is a pass thru to cover the increase. Mayor Selby said the City of Jamestown is increasing the cost roughly an additional \$22,000 per month. Mr. Lange stated that he has been helping both cities to come up with the appropriate rate adjustments. Mr. Lange has been with Kentucky Rural Water for about 29 years. Mr. Lange passed out the recommended water & sewer rate increases and that his calculations only included the rates as a pass thru from the City of Jamestown.


**ORDINANCE 2018-01:** First Reading Water Rate Increase

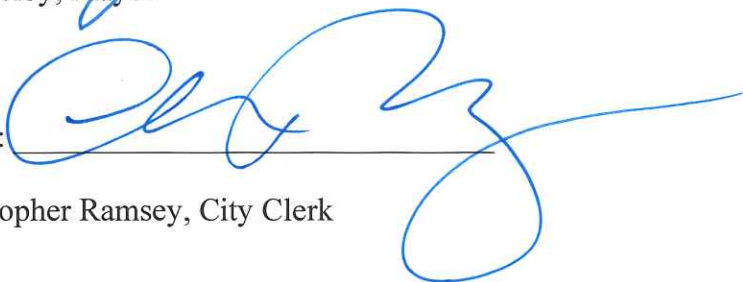
**ORDINANCE 2018-02:** First Reading Sewer Rate Increase

**PARK VEHICLE:** Mayor Selby gave an update on the status of the truck being used by the parks department. Mayor Selby said in his opinion the truck has major mechanical problems and is now not worth the cost to fix. The truck is a 2001 chevy 4x4 model with over 250K miles. The council requested that Mayor Selby present some purchasing options to the council at the March meeting.

**FARMERS MARKET:** Mr. Darrell Andrew with the Farmers Market On The Square in Columbia, KY presented to the council his thoughts on hosting an additional farmers market in Russell Springs. Mayor Selby said he would need to check into a few different city locations to host the market. Mr. Andrew said he is looking at possibly have the market on Thursdays.

**ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Skaggs made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. All was in favor.**

  
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Eric Selby, Mayor

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Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk